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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: SINES PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX-CHLORINE PLANT

REF: 76 LISBON 8186 AND PREVIOUS

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF H. K. FERGUSON ON CHLORO-ALKALI PLANT. UNFORTUNATELY, COMPANY NOW ADVISES CORPORATE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE NOT REPEAT NOT TO PURSUE PROJECT FURTHER, BASED ON PROBLEMS COMPANY ANTICIPATES IN PROVIDING MARKETING ASSISTANCE

AND PAST COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES. FERGUSON HAS CABLED CNP TO DECLINE INVITATION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROJECT OPPORTUNITY WITH ANOTHER U.S. FIRM ALREADY INVOLVED WITH SINES COMPLEX, LITWIN, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED TENTATIVE INTEREST. PLEASE ADVISE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHETHER THERE IS STILL TIME FOR U.S. COMPANY TO APPROACH CNP. COMPANY HAS ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF INFO CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL. HAS COMMISION MADE PROGRESS ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND WHEN WILL THEY BE AVAILABLE?

ASSUME STUDIES ARE BEING PERFORMED IN HOUSE, BUT IF NOT, WHO IS PREPARING STUDIES? DOES "OPENING OF BIDS"

AFTER 60 DAY PERIOD MEAN THAT PROJECT WILL BE OPEN FOR BIDDING AT THAT TIME OR HAVE BIDS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO BE "OPEN" SOON? IF TENDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND THERE IS STILL TIME FOR FIRM TO RESPOND, WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD GET DETAILS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS. DOES EMBASSY KNOW WHAT COMPETITION WILL BE AND ARE ANY OTHER U.S. FIRMS PURSUING PROJECT?

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